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'Tis I that call---remember MILO's END.
Wedg'd in that Timber which he ſtrove to rend.
Ld. ROSCOMMON.

EVERY wicked *miniſterial* ſtratagem, every human and inhuman mode of diſtruction has been tried; even POPERY itſelf, has been called in to check the glorious ſpirit of true *revolutional reſiſtance* in *America*. In the midſt of this infernal ſtruggle for deſpotic power, tho' the Britiſh Conſtitution ſhakes from its foundations, tho' we are upon the very brink of looſing more than two thirds of our whole empire, yet the hiſtory of experience of paſt ages, ſtill adminiſter a drop of conſolation. They teach us that *miniſterial* and *tyrannic* artifices and iniquities, have ever been attended with glaring inconſiſtencies. *providential! diſappointments*,, and at laſt, with a certain diſtruction of their authors, and diabolical abettors.

Impreſſed with theſe reflections, who can hear the united outcries of the preſent miniſterial hirelings, without ſmiles of indignation and contempt? without the warmeſt expectations of exemplary juſtice, againſt theſe ſuperior malefactors, who are in hourly combination againſt their country? Theſe Vipers adviſed and carried through both houſes, by dint of corruption the *Quebec Bill*, not barely for the *toleration*, but for the entire *eſtabliſhment* of *Popery*, in thoſe ſettlements. Our pious ſovereign, does not only *connive* at, but *cultivate this odious Religion* there, with the greateſt aſſiduity; this is *moderation*----Even a *popiſh* biſhop is ſupported there, whilſt our *proteſtant clergy* are diſcountenanced, oppreſſed, neglected and ſtarved; theſe patriotic guardians of our conſtitution, have the unparallelled aſſurance, to

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call *reſiſtance* by the name of *rebellion*, in the frontiers of *America*: whilſt they themſelves are audaciouſly raiſing innumerable ſeminaries of *treaſon* and *rebellion*, in the back ſettlements, under licenced miſſionaries of the *See* of *Rome*; theſe abſurd wretches declaim againſt the diſloyalty of brave and wiſe *proteſtants*, in the colony of *Maſſachuſet*, whilſt they encourage *popiſh prieſts*, to cultivate doctrines ſubverſive of our empire in *Canada*.

Fools, (even *anointed fools*) have ſometimes tried intervals, in theſe they have ſometimes been prevailed upon, to adopt the language of reaſon and common ſenſe; to ſuch an interval, we owe ſome ſharp and wiſe reproofs from *James the firſt* to the *Iriſh agents*, who came into *England* in order to remonſtrate againſt the proceedings of parliament, "you (ſaid his *ſcholaſtic* "Majeſty) are but *half ſubjects*, and you ought to have but *half previleges*; "you that have an eye to *me* one way and to the *Pope* another way; your "bodies bend one way, and your ſouls another,---you feud your childreu "to the ſeminaries of *Treaſon*,---your prieſts teach you ſuch grounds of "doctrine, that you cannot follow them with a ſafe conſcience, but you "muſt caſt off your loyalty to your king.----I would moſt humbly aſk his *preſent majeſty*, whether this is not good ſenſe, wiſe policy, ſound reaſon, and unanſwerable truths? Is not this mode of reaſoning, equally applicable to the preſent ſtate of religious policy at *Quebec* in the happier and wiſer reign of *pious George the third*? In this abſurd inſtance, we are a moſt rediculous exception, to all civilized nations upon earth. Where can one be found, whoſe government does not make a wiſe diſtinction between the national *religion* and other profeſſions? In what other governments in the known world is the practice of foreign religions indulged, otherwiſe than by convenience? have the profeſſors of them any ſhare in civil preferments? do they (like the *papiſts* at *Quebec*) enjoy *offices of truſt and profit*, in the ſtate? Are they (like *them*) admitted into the government of the ſtate? are *our pious* government endeavouring how to nurſe up all *Canada*, in *popiſh* religion, for the ſatisfaction of maſſacreing ſo many *rebellious* ſubjects hereafter, for they will *rebel* at a convenient period? Or do they foſter them as ſo many *Corps de reſerve*, againſt their *proteſtant* ſubjects upon that continent? Are they reared and deſtined, to compleat the wiſhed for maſſacre, of that offending people, who will not tamely wear the yoke of a *miſguided Tyrant* and his *Minions*? Or is the propagation of *popery* in thoſe remote parts of the Britiſh dominions really *legal*? perhaps the multitude are miſtaken, and the *revolution compact* and its principles may extend in truth, no further than *Great Britain*, as Mr. Attorney General *Thurloe* aſſerted the other day in the Houſe of Commons; ſhall ſuch a proſtitute ever have the *great Seal of England* in his cuſtody? ſhall ſuch a man become the keeper of the King's conſcience? for ſuch a barefaced, daring, impious LYE, an honeſt *Houſe of Commons* would have expelled the ſervile miniſterial reptile, with every mark of deteſtation and indignity.

Leaving this *official drudge*, with diſdain, to pace in the trammels of a guilty adminiſtration, let me now perſue my ſubject, by averring and proving the weakneſs and iniquity of government, in planting a *popiſh* colony at *Quebec*, Yet there are ſlaves at the head of the church, and on the ſeats of juſtice, who extoll the lenity, the piety and charity, of this proceeding, replete as it is, with abſurdity, inconſiſtency and folly. The ſovereign is made in his late ſpeech to complain heavily of a want of ſubordination, nay of *uſurpation, revolt, hoſtility and rebellion*, among his Engliſh ſubjects in *America*; yet he adopts the aſtoniſhing plan of propigating the *Roman catholic religion* in his province of *Quebec*; a religion which flatters its votaries with eternal happineſs, if they venture their lives in the deſtruction of an heretical prince and his deteſted government; the prieſts induſtriouſly ſow the ſeeds of *rebellion* in the very cradle.

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So inconſiſtent are theſe meaſures of governmen, if they mean to retain *Quebec and their Dominions in Canada*, that we may well ſuppoſe they have bargained for the ſale of them, to their old maſters the *French*; and are now, by means of their obſequious tools in parliament, performing their part of the agreement, by reſtoring that country to the influence and ſpiritual dominion of the *Pope*---Thus we ſee that no honour can ariſe to the crown from falſe policy, no ſafety from *papiſts*. no credit from a Breach of the moſt ſolemn and ſacred *obligation*, nor will the ſale of *Canada*, (as I conjecture,) be as tamely ſuffered by the nation as that of *Dunkirk*, in the reign of *one* who had rather the advantage of our preſent *pious* ſovereign; for he had not only all the deteſted principles and vices, but he had the odious name of *Stuart*.

The leaſt pernicious conſequence, that can poſſibly flow from this moſt *gracious* indulgence at *Quebec*, will be innumerable ſwarms of eccleſiaſtic and religious drones, whoſe only occupation (like that of our preſent government) will be the affectation of righteouſneſs, and the practice of *iniquity*.

Under the preſent auſpicious government *England* feels the worſt effects of *Luxury*, *prodigality*, *corruption* and *miniſterial ſelfiſh perſeverance*, from the parliamentary eſtabliſhment of biſhops, prieſts, monks, friars, monaſtaries, nunneries, and maſs-houſes at *Quebec*, all *America* (unleſs our troops ſhould annihilate her with a *look*,) will feel too ſoon, a dead weight upon her induſtry, manufactures, and cultivation; for to all theſe (I propheſy) ſhe will ſoon reſtore herſelf by her own arm---But ſhould ſhe *condeſcend*, under her preſent apparent advantages, to a *re-union* with *Great Britain*; let me aſk, with what face, with what pretence, with what juſtice or humanity, can our wiſe government (when they come to feel the inconveniencies of their new popiſh eſtabliſhment) attempt to evacuate and expell theſe holy drones, theſe ſpiritual locuſts, theſe real enemies to the proſperity, peace, and ſafety of every *proteſtant* community? muſt that valuable part of the Britiſh Empire ſtill be doomed to nouriſh and ſupport thoſe crafty ſerpents, which will at length deſtroy her? or, will our charitable godlike *ſovereign* and his miniſters (who are now bringing theſe vermin into life for the worſt of purpoſes) cruſh them in the ſhell?---if the preſent eſtabliſhment of popery, in thoſe parts is founded in good policy, its ſudden diſſolution muſt be founded in caprice. But the imputation of mere caprice, can reflect no diſgrace upon a government, already ſtained with the *innocent* blood (if ſelf defence be innocent) of the beſt and braveſt of ſubjects in its whole dominions. Permit me to mention a probable conſequence more alarming to a guilty, perſevering adminiſtration; would not an expulſion of theſe holy adventurers, whom we have invited over from *Rome* to *Quebec*, be juſtly deemed a piece of ſportive inhumanity? As ſuch ſhould it not be reſented; with ſome colour by a confederacy of the Roman Catholic States? might not this reſentment involve *England* in a moſt unneceſſary and expenſive war? Have not our *commercial* and *landed* intereſt, our colonies in general, our manufacturers, and the flower of our army ſuffered yet ſufficiently, for the errors and iniquities of a revengeful government, deceived in point of information, and ſold, (as ſhe will ever be,) in a needleſs contention with her own children, who own the ſuperiority of a *parent*, but will not brook the inſolence of a *tyrant*; are not the miſfortunes of a civil war, *abroad* and the daily expecta[illegible] of one *at home* ſufficiently alarming to an almoſt *Bankrupt Nation*, but muſt the probability of a *foreign war*, be added to the number of our fears? Need *France and Spain* be furniſhed by our own bad policy with a plauſable pretence for breaking with us? Our folly and cruelty have hitherto gone hand in hand, they have produced an *American*

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war.--Be that the laſt.---It will of itſelf be ſufficiently fatal in its conſequences, Thoſe *rebels* will guard their eſtates from forfeiture and themſelves from ſlavery. They will riſe in defiance of us or cruſh us in their fall.

I have proceeded thus far, to ſhew the *weakneſs* of our ſtate-politicians, who, inſtead of conniving at, and *bravely tolerating* the *Romiſh Religion* in our ſettlements, have armed the *French* there, with ſuch previliges, immunities, and powers. that the *Proteſtant religion* itſelf, may be truly ſaid to be only tolerated in thoſe parts, and its miniſters univerſally diſcouraged, and wholly unprovided for.

I will now ſhew the *iniquity* of government, in the reſpect alread mentioned ; the iniquities of that government which boaſts of *planting*, *nurſing encouraging* and *defending*, her Engliſh colonies in AMERICA, like a *parent*---Theſe are the *furbelow terms* of the late royal ſpeech---Even this *patential* government is, at this moment *planting*, *nurſing*, *encouraging*, *protecting* and *defending*, (under the bleſſed ſanction of an act of parliament,) a colony of romiſh prieſts, monks, friars, &c. with a *popiſh*, biſhop, and all his trumpery at their head ; what a *royal* tribe is here of ſpiritual enthuſiaſts, tutored from their cradles to procure and effect, by every means the dethronement, deſtruction. and maſſacre, of all heritic princes and their ſubjects, who may fall within their power ! To theſe *loyal* manifeſtations of allegiance are all orders of *papiſts*, regular, and ſecular, moved and encouraged by decrees of council, reſcripts, bulls, and diſpenſations of their *Popes*; in this point of *loyalty* to ſovereigns who differ from them in religious ſentiments the decree of the council of *Lateran* is expreſs! neither local nor natural allegiance muſt reſtrain them ; it does not become me to enquire what are the religious ſentiments of his moſt pious majeſty *George the Third*. He has (thank Heaven) been ſo well guarded ſince that *wicked and tremendous plot* of ſherieff *Sayer* has been diſcovered, that his preicus life is beyond the reach of any danger, but what may ariſe from the nurſery or the petticoat. But we know that the brave *Americans* after their laudable reſiſtance to tyranny, has proved *ſucceſsful*, muſt ſtill guard againſt the *popiſh Hydra's* in their back ſettlements, where they are planted and cheriſhed, by the humane and generous policy of our *nurſing government*, to ſupply the deficiencies of their military *cut-throats* ; by ſuch a bleſſed *nurſery of papiſts* fell forty or fifty thouſand naked *proteſtants* in Ireland, before they ſuſpected the leaſt danger, in the memorable year 1641 ; this was a ſimilar ſtroke of ſtate policy, in the *pious* reign of *Charles the Firſt*, who was *himſelf* (it is ſuppoſed) no ſtranger to the deſign, it was a heavenly piece of king-craft, and ſeems to have afforded an uſeful hint to our BLOODY ADMINISTRATION: This Iriſh carnage (where the Roman Catholic children killed the Engliſh children) was the happy fruit, not of an actual eſtabliſhment, but of a bare toleration *of popery in Ireland*. if it be true (as it has been ever found) that like cauſes, will have like effects, there cannot be a doubt with our government, but that the ſame helliſh ſpirit will break out hereafter among the *papiſts* in *Canada*, ; under the tender nature of ſuch an adminiſtration as the preſent ; it cannot fail.

I muſt confeſs, it is a far wiſer and honeſter policy, to endeavour to draw off the ſenſeleſs parts of the *American* army, from their gallant leaders by a a fruitleſs offer of *pardons*, and *indemnities*, then to nurſe up *papiſts* with paternal tenderneſs, to cut the throats of *Engliſhmen* ; but theſe vain miniſterial ſchemes will ſucceed alike.

Let us grant, for argument ſake only, that the paſt ſuppoſitions are injurions to our preſent *adminiſtration* ; yet they muſt be anſwerable *above*, for every bad effect which may chance to flow from their patriotic con-

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duct; even in times to come. I would ſuppoſe that this colony, of theſe new planted *papiſts*, will encreaſe according to common calculation. 7-8ths every Twenty years; what multitudes of inteſtine *Enemies* and *Rebels*, will ſhortly be produced from the niabolical ſeed of jeſuits, monks and friars. Quebec will be an aſylum for the ſons of Loyola. What an ample proviſion have our miniſtry and parliament made for the certain, deſigned deſtruction of AMERICA hereafter! this was a noble ſtroke of policy, to effect their revenge on the colonies they hate, even in after ages, but *Providence*, perhaps, aiding the cauſe of oppreſſed *America*, will prevent their helliſh deſignes from taking place, ſhe muſt otherwiſe fall a prey, at laſt, to the worſt of ſavages; aſſaſins, armed and commiſſioned by the See of *Rome*, who dye *ſaints and martyrs* in every conflict with heritics, and are taught to purchaſe ſalvation by maſſacreing mankind. With ſuch hopeful colonies as theſe, impreſſed with a deep ſenſe of *allegiance* to an *heritical* prince refuſe to open their arms to a *French Invaſion*, and to ſurrender the the dominions of a credulous britiſh government to their old ſovereign the grand monarch, a ſon of *Holy Church*? Anſwer me ye *Mansfields*, and ye *Norths*! anſwer me thou Thane of *Bute*; or rather help your royal maſter to anſwer me *himſelf*, bid him, like his brother *William*, to encreaſe the number of royal authors; teach him to rival his learned predeceſſor, *James* the FIrſt in literary merit, in immitation of that great *Solomon's* blaſt againſt tobacco, aſſiſt your leſſer *Solomon*, in writing a *blaſt* againſt the *proteſtant religion*,, againſt the *revolution*, *Coronation oaths*, and *limited* monarchy, you may add a little appendix in defence of mental reſervation, jeſuitical equivocation, perjury hypocriſy, prodigality, tyranny. falſehood, and corruption. His holineſs the *Pope*, in return for ſuch glorious efforts in the cauſe of truth. and ever mindful of the late bleſſed indulgences at *Quebec*, would undoubtedly compliment his *new-ally* with every neceſſary diſpenſation, abſolution, benediction &c. conveyed by one of the moſt faithful of his holy legates, his *holineſs* might condeſcend, in honour of ſuch a convert, to treat our *dilitanti ſenators* with a raree-ſhow, in the receſs of parliament, and exhibit the *beatification* of *George* the *Third*,---but, to be ſerious on a ſerious ſubject by the late eſtabliſhment of *popery* at *Quebec*, one ſhould almoſt ſuſpect th at the ſovereigns ſolemn engagements at the altar, to maintain and defend *the religion by law eſtabliſhed*, did not, as Mr. attorney *Turloe* elegantly expreſſes it *embrace* his majeſty's whole dominions, or elſe one ſhould immagine that his *Majeſty*, by ſome ſecret *prerogative*, could diſpenſe with his own *oath*, as eaſily as his faithful majority have diſpenſed with the eſtabliſhhd laws and religion of their country; let us examine the dangerous effects of this *Quebec Bill* a little further. By an act in the reign of the late *good* king. an *alien* reſiding ſeven years in any of his majeſty's *American* plantations, became a *denizen* of *Great-Britain*; conſequently, in ſeven years from the paſſing of the late *pious Quebec-bill*, all the legion of *Holy-cheats* diſpatched from *Rome*, for the propagation of *popery* in thoſe parts are juſtly intitled to all the privileges of the Engliſh ſubjects, ſo will their off-pring be, how welcome muſt an importation of ſuch holy vermin be in England? they may ſwarm here legally in eight years by virtue of their denivation in AMERICA, in defiance of every law made in better and wiſer reigns, for their perpetual expulſion. By that time, perhaps it may ſeem expedient, to repeal all the acts in ſupport of the reformation---Shall I add, the revolution too? let theſe acts ſtand, or fall, yet how can theſe catholic *denizens*, (who will inteſt Great Britain in legions) be expelled from thence, or from America, by an honeſter and wiſer parliament than the

the laſt? In ſuch a caſe, how muſt the memory of the late treacherous parliament, be damned to eternal infamy? how muſt the name of the head of that vile patliament (who aſſented) ſtink in the noſtrils of poſterity? That pious head which (if ſpeeches may be credited more than acts) declares from the throne, "*that the conſtant imployments of its thoughts, and the earneſt wiſhes of its heart, bend wholly to the ſafety and happineſs of the people.* A little flattery, (as the Tyrant Richard ſays,) ſometimes does well---But good trees are known by their fruit,---quere,---what is to be done with a bad tree? in a reign which abounds with ſo many horrid plots and conſpiracies (of which Mr. Sheriff *Sayer's* is not the leaſt) this muſt be a moſt alarming queſtion, and will juſtify the ſovereign, in calling forth Lord *Barrington's* * paper forces; not a ſingle man of which can now be ſafely ſent to *Boſton*.--- Alas the ſecurity of the ſovereign's perſon requires that they ſhould all be formed into a body-gurd, without delay.

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* This Lord (as ſecretary at war,) exhibited the other day in the Houſe of Commons a moſt tremendous liſt of *military forces* which were to be diipatched to *Boſton*, for the reduction of the *Rebels* there; but his lordſhip ingeniouſly confeſſed that they were, as yet, only *upon paper*, and could not hitherto, be raiſed, tho' the bounty had been enlarged and the ſtandard lowered, and all means whatever had been tried.:---What wonder? what *wretch*, what *ſavage* would be hired for ſuch bloody aud tyrannic purpoſes? Let the *butchers* lay on their *Ruſſians if they dare.*

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